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Conversation with Hanover, Cross Country, Memphis, 2/28/71.

It is now 10:20 a.m. I've just had a long phone conversation with Hanover. I'd called Cross Country (683-5268) to speak to Jim Lawrence about the third man at the LHO lit.dist. outside the old ITM. Lawrence is no longer with C-C, but is in Ripley, Tenn. When I began to tell Hanover why I was calling Lawrence, he told me that he, too, had been there and that the FBI had interviewed him as well as Lawrence, and showed a picture in which Lawrence was encircled in red. Hanover is certain that there were at least wto and maybe three people with Oswald then and is certain that earlier that morning, on the Canal Street island, there was a group of young people talking about Kennedy and the missles in Cuba. He is not certain that Oswald was one of them.

I began, when he said that he was also there (he was in charge and Lawrence worked for him), by asking how long this period was, and he said about 4½ months. He was specific and clear, that his company was doing all the leasing of the space in the new building and it was there for no other purpose. On this he was clear and unequivocal, his company alone was doing it and he was in change of it. They do not now handle it.

Cross Country began with space on the mazzanine and then moved into the basement during this period. He is generally aware that Latin American Reports was there but knows nothing about them or Gaudet and was surprised when I told him they seemed to be a CIA front but not surprised when I said that they shared offices with a known CIA front in other cities whereas their circulation could justify neither the ITM space nor the offices in other cities.

I told him what my beliefs are with candor, about the FBI editing of the films, what films I had located that had been withheld from the Commission and had been edited before return, etc. and of my opinion of the characterof the FBI investigation and my belief that they did not want to disclose anything that might suggest a conspiracy. I also made clear my certainty that there had been.

I am to call him back shortly. He got busy. He is to speak to Lawrence within a week or so and will communicate my interest to him. I gave him my address and phone.